

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims were presented in the Amendment mailed November 10, 2003, along with arguments and remarks related to those amendments to the claims (and amendments to the specification). The amendments to the claims find support in the specification and claims as originally filed. The amendments to Claims 126 and 127 find support in the specification, for example, at page 55, line 6. The amendment to Claim 132 finds support in the specification, for example, at page 10, line 27. No new matter is added by way of the amendments.

Applicants believe that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued due to the fact that the Amendment mailed November 10, 2003 did not indicate that Claims 1-123 stood canceled. As indicated in the present Supplementary Amendment, the listing of claims includes notice that Claims 1-123 stand canceled, and that Claims 124-132 are pending and under consideration in the application.

The remarks and arguments related to the above claim amendments were presented in the previous Amendment, and are incorporated by reference and reiterated herein. Applicants request that Claims 124-132 be examined on the basis of the amendments and arguments presented in the Amendment mailed November 10, 2003 as well as on the basis of the present Supplementary Amendment.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below should he find that there are any further issues outstanding.

Please charge any fees, including fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-1641**, referencing Attorney's Docket No. **39766-0092 A**.

Respectfully submitted,

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